

AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD
JANUARY 26, 2004

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members present were Chair Jim Futch, Hertz Halperin (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Melinda Hart, Andre Parke, Mitch Topal (departed at 6:55 p.m.), and Don Zane. Also present were Planner Deborah Ross and Board Secretary Janet Gale recording the meeting. Debbie Chandler, Stephanie Osborn and John Stevens were absent.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Self-introductions were made.

3. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Zane nominated Mr. Futch, seconded by Ms. Hart. Mr. Topal nominated Ms. Chandler; however, this nomination died due to lack of a second. There were no other nominations.

Mr. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Parke, that the nominations be closed. In a voice vote, with Ms. Chandler, Mr. Hertz, Ms. Osborn and Mr. Stevens being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

Chair Futch accepted the nomination. He asked that all those in favor present a show of hands. With Ms. Chandler, Mr. Hertz, Ms. Osborn and Mr. Stevens being absent, those in favor were Chair Futch, Ms. Hart, Mr. Parke and Mr. Zane. Mr. Topal did not raise his hand.

4. SELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

Chair Futch indicated that he would like to nominate Mr. Parke. Mr. Parke declined the nomination and provided an explanation.

Mr. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Topal, to table the nominations to the next meeting. In a voice vote, with Ms. Chandler, Mr. Hertz, Ms. Osborn and Mr. Stevens being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Broward County Commissioners' Vote

Chair Futch advised that the Commission had taken a vote concerning the expansion proposals that were presented in a study by Leigh Fisher and Associates. The Commission had agreed to expand the southern runway to a length of 8,000 to 8,500 feet. This proposal was awaiting FAA approval and there were issues to be resolved such as the financing of the mitigation efforts and where the funding would come from. Chair Futch listed the recovery proposals which had been discussed.

Mr. Parke indicated that his concerns were with the mitigation aspects, specifically for those who lived in trailer parks or had little land value and would be forced to move.

Mr. Topal expressed that without FAA approval on the expansion, mitigation concerns were premature. Chair Futch contended that through this discussion, the Board could reach a consensus in direction to take to the workshop meeting on January 29th. He understood that the Town Council would ultimately have to make decisions on where it stood

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individually or jointly with other municipalities that were also impacted by the expansion. Chair Futch noted the efforts being taken by other municipalities.

Mr. Zane related what had transpired at the Joint Airport Advisory Board meeting he had attended two months ago. He spoke of the question raised by the City of Dania Beach which declared that a lot of its revenue came from the homes that would be lost in the "taking" for the runway. Mr. Zane suspected that there would be litigation concerning Dania Beach's dilemma. Chair Futch expressed that there was a big void between what was planned and what it would actually cost since the data used in the studies had been ten years old and outdated. Ms. Hart explained that in her district, there were a lot of residents on fixed incomes who would have no place to go to if they were forced to leave due to the air and noise pollution. She emphasized that a lot of the residents in her area would not qualify for a new mortgage, especially at the current costs.

Gerard Starkey indicated that he did some research and reported his findings regarding municipalities against runway expansion. A discussion ensued regarding which municipalities would ally with the Town and which had indicated opposition. Mr. Zane mentioned that citizens in Pembroke Pines would be interested in having the general aviation and freight [FedEx] moved to the Opa-locka area in order to help with its industrial and commercial growth, and keep the existing airport for the commercial airlines. He noted that what airlines were worried about for the year 2015 was "delays." Mr. Zane commented that the commercial flights were being delayed due to general aviation traffic.

In a discussion regarding the next step to be taken with the FAA, Ms. Ross noted that a "record of decision" had not yet been issued by the FAA and that there was no time frame in which to expect one. Mr. Parke agreed and indicated that it would be the FAA that the Town would have to litigate against. Ms. Ross recalled that litigation was an expensive proposition and would cost \$200,000-plus for the Town's interests alone. Mr. Topal reiterated that this consideration was premature. Chair Futch maintained that he would like to keep an alliance with Dania Beach and Hollywood and that the Town needed to plan ahead. He also felt that the Council should know that the subject had been discussed and what recommendations the Board may have.

5.2 Town Council Workshop (January 29, 2004)

This item was touched upon earlier and Chair Futch reminded everyone of the time and place of the workshop. Ms. Ross asked Chair Futch to clarify the role of this Board at the workshop and he accommodated her with an explanation. The Board was also advised as to whom had been invited to attend.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Parke suggested that it would be beneficial to get some feedback from the other municipalities on their strategies. The Board agreed that it would be informative if it could be done.

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Chair Futch advised Mr. Topal that he had received several phone calls regarding comments that had been made by Mr. Topal during his campaign which were contrary with the opinions and direction of the Board. He asked that Mr. Topal clarify statements made as an individual be specified as such so as not to convey the impression that it was the Board's position.

A discussion resumed regarding litigation options and the concern for residents who would be displaced as a result of the expansion. Mr. Zane commented that he believed that the County Commission and the FAA were "totally off base." He indicated that the Board should encourage Council to move quickly with an outside firm to put pressure on them. Chair Futch commented that Mr. Zane should make the suggestion at the workshop meeting and asked if there were any other suggestions that the Board wanted to bring to the workshop.

After a brief discussion, Mr. Zane made a motion, seconded by Mr. Halperin, that this Board approved of allying with the other municipalities [Hollywood and Dania Beach] which were involved and to seek out the assistance of other municipalities such as Cooper City and Pembroke Pines as necessary. In a voice vote, with Ms. Chandler, Ms. Osborn, Mr. Stevens and Mr. Topal being absent, all voted in favor. **(Motion carried 5-0)**

7. COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS

The Board agreed that rather than scheduling a meeting for next month, they would wait and see what resulted from the workshop meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business and no objections, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

Chair/Board Member